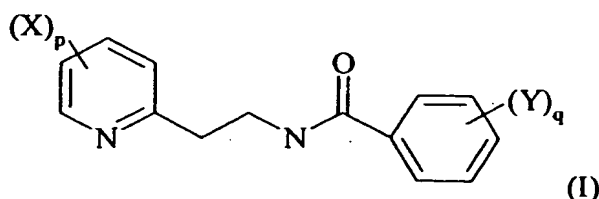


CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising :

5 a) a pyridylethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)



in which :

- p is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4;

- q is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

10 - each substituent X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl or haloalkyl;

- each substituent Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, amino, phenoxy, alkylthio, dialkylamino, acyl, cyano, ester, hydroxy, aminoalkyl, benzyl, haloalkoxy, halosulphonyl, halothioalkyl, alkoxyalkenyl, alkylsulphonamide, nitro, alkylsulphonyl, phenylsulphonyl or
15 benzylsulphonyl;

as to the N-oxides of 2-pyridine thereof;

and

b) a compound capable of inhibiting mitosis and cell division;

in a (a) / (b) weight ratio of from 0.01 to 20.

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2. A composition according to claim 1, characterised in that p is 2.

3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that q is or 2.

25 4. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 3, characterised in that X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.

5. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 4, characterised in that X is chosen independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl
30 group.

6. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 5, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.

7. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 6, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl group.

8. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is :

- 10 - N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide;
- N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-iodobenzamide; or
- N-{2-[3,5-dichloro-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide .

9. A composition according to claim 8, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide.

10. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting mitosis and cell division is a benzimidazole derivative.

11. A composition according to claim 10, characterised in that the benzimidazole derivative is benomyl, carbendazim, fuberidazole or thiabendazole.

12. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting mitosis and cell division is [5-Chloro-6-(2,4,6-trifluoro-phenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-((R)-1,2,2-trimethyl-propyl)-amine, [5-Chloro-6-(2,4,6-trifluoro-phenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-7-yl]-((R)-1,2-dimethyl-propyl)-amine, 5-Chloro-7-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-6-(2,4,6-trifluoro-phenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine, thiophanate, thiophanate-methyl, diethofencarb, zoxamide or pencycuron.

13. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 12 further comprising a fungicidal compound (c).

14. A composition according to claim 13, characterised in that the fungicidal compound (c) is selected from iprodione and chlorotalonil.

5 15. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 14, characterised in that it further comprises an agriculturally acceptable support, carrier, filler and/or surfactant.

10 16. A method for preventively or curatively controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterised in that an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 15 is applied to the seed, the plant and/or to the fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.